

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 217

By Haynes

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Stavoula Christopoulos on being named a Distinguished Finalist for the 2012 Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause in their deliberations to salute those young citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as emerging community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Stavoula Christopoulos, an esteemed resident of Knoxville and a senior at Hardin Valley Academy, has been selected as a Distinguished Finalist for the 2012 Prudential Spirit of Community Award; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious award, presented by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, honors young volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to serving their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Christopoulos earned this award in recognition of her founding "Project Rooms of Hope (PROHope)", when she was just eleven years old, and raising nearly \$50,000 to design and create twenty-four dream bedrooms for teenagers with critical illnesses; and

WHEREAS, the Knoxville teenager has recruited a number of fellow students and community members to help with fundraising and renovations, and her efforts have led to the expansion of the program into Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Stavoula Christopoulos epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like

Ms. Christopoulos who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby congratulate and honor Stavoula Christopoulos as a Distinguished Finalist in the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, recognizing her outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership, and community spirit, and extending to her our best wishes for her continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.